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Dear Mr. Cutler,

Thanks for your note and the copy of the letter to LIFE. Actually, the story of that magical bullet with the built-in intelligence is much worse than you indicate, much more improbable, really impossible.

Because of your interest in it, I tell you about a monograph just published by Randall Publications, P.O. Box 55062, Los Angeles, Calif. ($3.05, including postage). In it Ray Marcus has drawn together much of the available information about this bullet and its strange career. No one else has done as much with it. I read it in rough draft and cannot praise it too highly.

I believe others in your area, from my correspondence, might also be interested in this work, if you can inform any bookstores of its availability. I hope it achieves a publishing success for the time has now come for specialization in aspects of the evidence (see the current Nat. Rev. Post, which says pretty much the same thing in an editorial. Its success might encourage others.

It is possible to exaggerate the connection between the back wound and the back brace, unless I misunderstand you. That brace did not make it either impossible or too difficult to bend. I wear one and have for almost 30 years. The President must have been having a bad day. He was also wearing an ace bandage.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

Dear Ray, Steve Barber was glad to get
The Bastard and commented favorably on
it yesterday when we spoke briefly. He'll have
read it and I'll be seeing him in a week or so,
after he returns from a short trip abroad. I've
spoken to none of the others, having been busy trying to catch up on the accumulated
correspondence and the third book, on which I'd appreciate any recommendations
promptly. Several things that may interest you people out there: Mark Raskin tells
me that Belin confirms to him the existence of a 238-page study or the possibility
Oswald was not the assassin, prepared by Belin and Ball. The archive cannot find it.
Sylvia was on NMCA with Larry Schiller Tuesday night and went back with him for another
hour Wednesday. It seems her judgement was correct, that Schiller was a fink. I'm
disappointed (as I believe we all are) and surprised (as I believe Bill also is), for
I apparently misjudged him. Sylvia quotes Maggie as saying this has made a scandal out
there. While I believe to fight this sort of thing rather than the main issues attracts
attention to it and makes it more harmful than it otherwise could be, I'd like to know
all I can for certain occasions, like later today. I'll fly to Chicago shortly to
debate Almer Gertz and Jenner on WBBM-TV, and it would be good to know more. Bill
knows (possibly I told you and Maggie) what they did to me. And the Metromedia con-
frontation is tentatively on again. They've rung Lane in on my side, which I regard
as a liability, and Nizer has arrisen as the defender of the staff. He may be joined
by others and thinks his appearance will beinforce the Liebeler and Specter spines. It
is tentatively set for 1/30-1. I've sold the reprint rights to chapter 11 of I, The
False Oswald, to Saga, for too little but enough to recoup my costs on the trip out
to see you people. I also think the time for this aspect is now here. Castorr has sent
me word through a mutual friend that he'd like to see me. I've replied any time and
under any condition he wants, including in the studio of the mutual friend who has a
recording business. He is a Walker friend, etc., and may have acknowledged his parti-
cipation in gun-running. He is perturbed, I'm told. It can happen as early as Tuesday.
Two more magazines are working in the archive. The Ruby stuff was declassified Friday
when I took Mike Berlin of the NYPost there. Penn and I were on Jerry Williams with
Dick Gregory, all three by phone, Monday night. It was good. Gregory is wild. Tell
Sahl to mean it when he says he'll be here. I'll show him things. Regard to all, H.